

REMARKS

The applicants filed claim amendments with a Response to Final Office Action that was mailed February 11, 2008. The examiner informed the applicants' representative by telephone call on February 22, 2008 that the amendments could not be entered. The applicants accordingly file this RCE and request the entry of those amendments. The applicants further request that the arguments presented in that Response to Final Office Action now be considered in the light of the claims as amended herein.

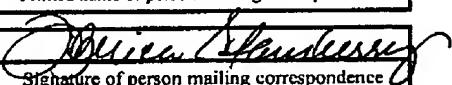
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